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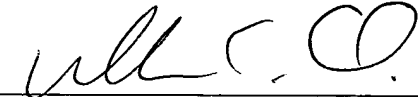
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	A11	GB 461,782	February 24, 1937	Great Britain				<input type="checkbox"/>
	A12	EP 0 277 545 A2	August 10, 1988	European Union			See U.S. '693	<input type="checkbox"/>
	A13	DE 298 22 104 U1	April 1, 1999	Germany			See Specification.	<input type="checkbox"/>
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## OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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